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Application No.: 09/531,959)
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Filed: March 21, 2000)
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For: RECEIVING APPARATUS,)
METHOD THEREFOR, SIGNAL :
PROCESSING APPARATUS,)
METHOD THEREFOR AND :
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,550,576
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,808,694
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,883,677
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,239,794
- (5) China 1176726
- (6) China 1185257
- (7) Europe 0 774 868
- (8) Europe 0 834 798
- (9) WO 98/47284

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Documents (5), (6) and (7) were cited during prosecution of a Chinese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. Documents (1), (2), (3), (8) and (9) were cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Chinese Office Action, which is dated May 14, 2004, and a copy of the European Search Report, which is dated June 23, 2004 are enclosed.

English-language abstracts for each of documents (5) and (6) have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. Additionally, it is noted that document (4) is an English-language counterpart for document (5) and document (1) is an English-language counterpart for document (6). The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents ((5) and (6)) is believed to be satisfied by one of the enclosed English language abstracts, the Chinese and European Search Reports, and the English language counterparts. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has received a Final Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d). Thus, in view of the dates of both the Chinese Office Action and the European Search Report, it is hereby submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document cited in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement. Additionally, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), a fee of \$180.00 accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review this information in its entirety and to make an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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